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Construction Memorandum

To: District Construction Engineers

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Subject: Steel Guardrail Posts and Composite Block-Outs for Bridge Approach Sections

On April 30th of 2002 I sent an e-mail stating that approving steel guardrail posts with composite block-outs for bridge approach guardrail sections should be approved on a case-by-case basis. In December of 2002, Detailed Drawing (DD 606-24B) showing a bridge approach guardrail section using steel posts was issued.

Unless a contract restricts the post material by specification, the contractor can option either wood or steel posts in bridge approach sections provided they meet Detailed Drawing 606-24B or 606-24A requirements. Guardrail post and block-out submittals can be approved at the district or project level (Project Manager).

Please contact Mark Baum if you require additional information.

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